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Bowe tells students 'You can make it'

Heavyweight Boxing Champion Riddick Bowe visits Essex County to promote his stay in school campaign

by Nicol Diarra Davis

"Through hard work and perseverance, no matter what anyone tells you, you can make it."

This was the general message that World Heavyweight Boxing Champion Riddick "Big Daddy" Bowe passed on to March 10 during his three-city tour of Essex County to promote his stay in school campaign.

The 25-year-old Bowe, who grew up in the Brownsville section of Brooklyn, N.Y. explained to the students at Irvington, East Orange and Barringer

High Schools that he understands the abuse, negativism and lack of support that they face everyday as urban city kids. He told the students that they can overcome it all, and that "hard work and perseverance are the key."

"People would see me out there every day and they would say, 'Why are you going to the gym? You're wasting your time. You're not going any place. You're gonna be right here with us no matter what you say,' Bowe told the attentive group at East Orange High School. "They told me that I lived in the ghetto and I would always be a part of the ghetto. [They said] I would never be anything

more."

Bowe noted his own success to show the students "you can become anything you want no matter what people tell you."

New Jersey Boxing Commissioner Larry Hazzard accompanied Bowe on his tour and echoed his message to the students.

"People who live in the ghetto are said to not be able to do anything," Hazzard told the students at Irvington High. "[Bowe] is not here just as an athlete. He's here as a symbol of success for all of you. You can live in the ghetto, but you don't have to have the ghetto live in you. Regardless of

who you are or where you're from, you can be the best as long as you commit yourself."

Bowe told the students at the three high schools about his trip to Somalia. He told them that "everybody here is very fortunate," despite what they may think.

"In America, we have it made. No matter how bad things seem, we have it made. So don't take things for granted," he said. "People here complain that they don't have shoes to wear; they don't have this; they don't have that. In Somalia, they have no houses, no water, no anything, but they always greeted me with a smile. Here in America, we've got it made."

Bowe also told the students that it is very important for them to stay in school. "I will be attending Howard University next semester," he said. "I think if the heavyweight champion can go back to school, with my busy schedule, all of you guys can."

Bowe said that he plans to study business administration and drama when he enters Howard in the fall.

The champ entertained a few questions from the students at each school. At each school, the students had the same questions about the same subjects — Lennox Lewis and Mike Tyson.

"About Mike [Tyson], the students asked if Bowe would fight him right away or make Tyson fight the other top contenders before getting to him."

"It would be an honor for me to



Heavyweight Champion Riddick Bowe shakes hands with East Orange High School Senior Omar Adams, public relations person for the Mayor's Youth Advisory Committee.

"Mike [Tyson], Bowe said, 'I wouldn't make him wait. I would take him right out the box.'"

An Irvington High School student asked Bowe if he thinks Tyson would knock him out.

"I've never been knocked out and I don't see why it should start now," Bowe replied.

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Judgement Day: Salley ranks most influential African-Americans

by Deborah Russell-Brown

"I always felt I could be a number of different things in my lifetime," says Columbus Salley, gazing out from behind a mammoth desk in his office, talking about his latest reincarnation as an author.

And indeed Salley has worn quite a few hats. The 50-year-old businessman, author and educator is on the stump with the publication of his third book: "The Black 100: A Ranking of the Most Influential African-Americans Past and Present" Citadel Press, \$21.95. The book profiles one hundred plus subjects, America's people of color who chorus Reverend Martin Luther King's "I Have A Dream" speech and back up those hopes with physical and mental muscle.

Released in February, "The Black 100" is a 400-page compendium of mini-biographies ranking Black American personalities — eighty-one men and twenty-one women — on a numeric scale. That fact alone is drawing a wagon-load of controversy. Critics from Baltimore to New York are scratching their heads, questioning the rationale and even the wisdom of Salley's coveted list. New York Newsday's columnist GD Clay cried out in his column four weeks ago, "... Arthur Ashe is not on this list. How is it possible that Arthur Ashe was left off this list?"

Salley answers everybody's shouts calmly. "Okay we can talk about the ranking. We can talk about why Arthur Ashe, Dizzy Gillespie and Alice Walker are not on the list... and



Columbus Salley

why Clarence Thomas is. All of this attention is good. Just talking about the disagreements is bringing something to the table. At least a healthy debate on the black struggle is going on."

The author did not write the book simply to raise a ruckus in literary circles. Nor is he out to pretend that his book is an academic treatise. On page one he tells his readers he's no historian. But with its ranking system Salley is out to tell a message. Although a PhD, the book's numeric ranking is not based on quantitative data. It is a no-nonsense style. The one-hundred vignettes aren't flashy but Salley has an endearing technique to keep the biographies historically linked.

"Okay we can talk about the ranking. We can talk about why Arthur Ashe, Dizzy Gillespie and Alice Walker are not on the list... and why Clarence Thomas is."

last paragraph on WEB Dubois piece says, "... Dubois died on August 27, 1903, on the eve of the momentous 'March on Washington' [The torch has been passed to King]. And boxer Joe Louis (71) is linked with politician Andrew Young, 'Louis died on April 12, 1981 in Las Vegas, nearly six months before Andrew Young (65) was elected mayor of Atlanta.' Salley explains.

The stories begin by profiling Dr. Martin Luther King (1). "King had more influence on the on-going Black struggle ... than all the others listed and ranked in this volume," says Salley. "The March on Washington and the 'I Have A Dream' speech

Don't be surprised if no groundbreaking evidence is found about household names: Crispus Attucks, Bill Cosby, Phyllis Wheatley or Joe Louis, to name a few. But Salley does bring relatively obscure people into view, names like David Walker (9) and John Hope (58). Reading name upon name the text is much like a simple primer on 'generic' black his-

The black press defined

by Carlton B. Goodlett, Ph.D., MD.

The late W. O. Walker, publisher of the Cleveland Call & Post, has said it best:

"The highest tradition in journalism is service to the people, service by informing and by interpreting; service by giving voice to goals, aspirations and needs of the people. Service by calling attention to injustices inflicted on the people and by demanding an end to these injustices. Service by rallying the indignation and the action of the people when the need arises."

"Such has been the role of the Negro Press in America, and no other mass communication medium has been more effective in serving freedom's cause than this press. For its crusades it has directed its attention to the practical realities in the life of the people it serves."

"For the past 150 years, the Black Press has acted to herald, a champion and an advocate, and as a vanguard for Black America."

"In these times of stress, the Black Press has been the sole conduit to convey the alarm, or structure the promise of hope, the arterial system which carries the life-blood from the centers of Black power—the church, the schools, the civil rights organizations and fraternal groups, to the grass roots, and the arteries carry blood from the heart to the tips of the fingers and the toes."

"This is not a one-way street: the Black Press, as the venous system, carries back the message from the grass roots—the farms, the villages, the Black ghettos—to the united centers of Black power. Without its press, Black America would resemble a giant whose spinal chord has been severed, leaving complete interruption with no transmission from the brain to the vital organs."

"Without the Black Press as an instrument to sound the alarm, to convey the good news and the bad tidings, all hope in Black America is lost. A tremendous amount of potential resides in the power of the Black Press to arouse and lead 30 million Blacks."



IPD's Mobile Command Post restored

Mayor Michael Steele (far left) announced the completion of the Irvington Police Department's new Mobile Command Post. The retired Board of Education mini-bus was motorized, with the help of others, by Sgt. Charles Angello (second to left) and Patrolman John Koebler (far right). The officers used spare parts from wrecked police units and other equipment to make the MCP functional. They also donated money and off-duty time to reconstruct the vehicle. The command unit has a fully functioning computer, two multi-band radios and a "host of other features" to help fight crime and facilitate emergency assistance. Also pictured are Police Director Samuel Williams (center) and Chief Bernard DeLucia (second to right).

Salley's top 10

Here are the top 10 people named in Columbus Salley's *The Black 100: A Ranking of the Most Influential African-Americans Past and Present*.

1. Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., civil rights leader.
2. Frederick Douglass, 19th-century abolitionist.
3. Booker T. Washington, 19th- and 20th-century civil rights leader.
4. W.E.B. Du Bois, 20th-century civil rights leader.
5. Charles H. Houston, former dean of Howard University Law School.
6. Richard Allen and Absalom Jones, formed in 1787 first black organization in English-speaking America.
7. Prince Hall, 18th-century Boston educator.
8. Samuel E. Cornish and John Russwurm, founded first black newspaper in America.
9. David Walker, 19th-century abolitionist.
10. Nat Turner, led slave rebellion in Virginia in 1831.

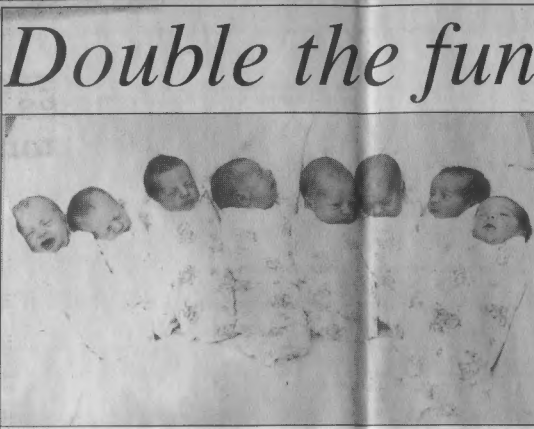
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North American Open Poetry Contest

OWINGS MILLS, Md.—The National Library of Poetry has announced that \$12,000 in prizes will be awarded this year to over 250 poets in the North American Open Poetry Contest. The deadline for the contest is March 31, 1993. The contest is open to everyone and entry is free.

Any poet, whether previously published or not, can be a winner. Every poem entered also has a chance to be published in a deluxe, hardbound anthology.

To enter, send one original poem, any subject and any style, to the National Library of Poetry, 11419 Cromridge Dr., P.O. Box 704-XI, Owings Mills, MD 21117. The poem should be no more than 20 lines, and the poet's name and address should appear on the top of the page. Entries must be postmarked by March 31, 1993. A new contest opens April 1, 1993.



EDISON—Everyone was seeing double at the Maternity and Child Care Center at JFK Medical Center in Edison as doctors there delivered four sets of twins in five days. The twins, pictured from left to right, are Kaitlin and Shannon Cassidy of Old Bridge, Ryan and Brielle Pettinaho of the Sewaren section of Woodbridge, Baby Boy and Baby Girl Janisch of Metuchen, and Samuel and Christian Ortiz of Plainfield.

ECC staff members receive Employee of the Month Awards

NEWARK—Newark residents Adewale Asimolowo and Audra Blakewood have been selected to receive Essex County College (ECC) "Employee of the Month Excellence" Awards.

Asimolowo, employed at the college since April 1992, is a security guard at the West Essex campus in Caldwell. Blakewood, currently working as a secretary in the college's office of On-Campus Continuing Education, has been employed at ECC for the past four years.

Following the recent addition of a lower-level parking lot at ECC's branch campus, many students expressed public safety concerns about walking to their cars after dark. The College responded by adding extra security guards during the evening hours. Asimolowo went one step farther. He suggested the college provide an on-site security vehicle to help guards monitor both parking lots and respond quickly in case of an emergency.

Blakewood is commended for her professionalism, efficiency and pleasant manner to students and co-



Adewale Asimolowo
Photo by Leon Bolden

workers during the college's hectic registration period.

The "Employee of the Month Excellence" Award is presented



Audra Blakewood
Photo by Leon Bolden

bi-monthly to outstanding employees and honors their current achievements, contributions and participation within the college community.

NESF searches for its founders

NEWARK—Newark Emergency Services for Families, Inc. (NESF), a social-service agency serving over 22,000 of the area's neediest each year, is seeking the whereabouts of its founders.

These 48 founders, most of whom were or are community leaders, organized NESF in 1977 to develop a comprehensive network of emergency services for the residents of Newark. Today, the agency's services have expanded to serve residents in the Greater Newark area.

NESF is seeking the whereabouts of its founders for the purpose of recognizing them at the agency's 50th annual auction. The auction, entitled "Travel and Leisure '93," will be held April 8 at downtown Newark's Quality Inn Hotel located at 50 Park Place.

The agency has the names of the 48 founders, but the addresses of only twenty-seven. The twenty-two people they are searching for are: Fred Butler, Marvin Byers, Aaron Cohen, Muriel Crowley, Harry Dworkin, Judy Farrell, Rose Marie Hintz, J. Daniel Keppel, Judith Mack, Anna Maldonado, Joel Marshall, Evelyn Mason, Elizabeth Pennick, Karen Reid, Julia Revell, Hinda Simon, Charles Swift, Judy Tiersten, Marge Tuttle, Greta Wheeler, William Woodwell.

If your name is listed above, contact Ngugi Emenyonyo at NESF at 201-643-5727. If you are a friend, relative or colleague of any of the people listed, please call NESF with any information you may have, and to express your support of a particular founder.

We want to hear from you!

Send your comments on City News to P.O. Box 1774, Plainfield, NJ 07060

JFK honors home care professionals



Thirteen home health care specialists from Medishare Health Professionals, an affiliate of JFK Medical Center in Edison, were recognized as employees of the month for their exemplary work and special caring during a Home Care Professionals Luncheon at the medical center. Pictured from left to right are honorees Stephanie Link, R.N., of Fords; Diane Burnette, CHFA, of Plainfield; Shirley Cox, L.P.N., of Plainfield; Patricia Bell, L.P.N., of Woodbridge; Debra Gottlieb, R.N., of Edison; and Mary Ann Tucker, CHFA, of Piscataway.

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Coping

By Dr. Charles W. Faulkner

Who cares if you get angry?

Last week, I gave you one of my three rules of life. The rule that I told you about, last week, was, "don't make things important that are not important."

Rule number two is, take the high road. Practically every time that you get angry, you are wasting important energy over an issue that you can't control or that is simply insignificant. Almost every time that you get angry, you are really lowering yourself to the level of someone who is not worth a damn. I hate to be so blunt, but I needed to get your attention. You know that I am right, so admit it.

Repeat this to yourself, now, "I will do everything that I can possibly do to avoid letting someone else drag me through the mud by pulling me into an argument. I will take the high road and fly right over the obstruction that someone else puts in the way of my emotional happiness."

Most arguments are about insignificant issues such as which one of you is better than the other, or what another person said or, who did something wrong; or, whether another person meant to do something that you didn't like; or, the best food, clothes, behavior, singer, or, what you should do in a certain situation. Usually, one person gets angry with the other person because:

1. The other person didn't do what you wanted them to do.
2. The other person doesn't behave the way you want them to behave.
3. The other person doesn't agree with you. Really, really, silly, isn't it?

The obvious point is that only one or two things in your life are worth arguing about - and even those issues can be settled without arguing, if you really want to settle them. I bet that you can't give me a good answer to this question, "What issue is really worth getting upset and into an argument over?"

Suppose that another person has an opinion about an issue (that is wrong), and they are angry with you because you won't agree with them. So they get you into an argument. They make you agree with them. Now both of you have the same bad opinion about the issue, not very smart, is it? Now the other person is not happy because you agreed with them. It was a matter of ego, not of fact. Not too smart, was it? You should have taken the high road. As soon as you saw the possibility of an argument coming, you should have said, calmly, "Well, let's talk some other time. Right now, I have to go somewhere to take care of some important business. See you later. Have a good day." Then you should leave immediately and go to your car, and avoid that individual, in the future, like the flu.

Three things for you to remember:

1. Don't get into an argument simply for the sake of proving someone wrong.
2. Don't get into an argument just to prove yourself right, and
3. Don't debate any issue while you are angry.

Community Calendar

THRU MARCH

NEW BRUNSWICK—Robert Wood Johnson Medical School is utilizing the new and confidential AIDS testing and counseling. To make an appointment call 908-418-8114 from 1:30 to 5 p.m.

THRU MARCH 19

PLAINFIELD—To receive NJ Surplus Government Commodities during 1993, residents must pre-register at Plainfield Auction Services. For more information call 908-753-3519.

THRU MAY 15

MONTCLAIR—The Montclair Art Museum (MAM) will present an innovative, educational exhibition which illustrates the interrelationship between math and art "Mathematics in Art Revealed." For more information call 201-746-5555.

THRU MAY 21

JERSEY CITY—The Jersey City Public Library will hold its pre-school story hour weekly. For more info call 201-547-4509.

TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS

IRVINGTON—The Irvington Health Department has a free baby clinic in the afternoon for ages newborn to 5 years of age at Irvington General Hospital. Make an appointment by calling 399-6652.

FRIDAY, MARCH 19

WESTFIELD—"Early Medical Identification and Prevention of Addiction Disorders for the Non-Medical Professional" will be the topic of a seminar at the offices of the National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence of Union County, 300 North Ave., from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. For more information call 908-233-8810.

SATURDAY, MARCH 20

PLAINFIELD—The 7th Annual Dispositionale Spelling Bee will be held in Plainfield High School's auditorium. For more information call 908-753-3545.

PLAINFIELD—The African American Culture Club of Plainfield High School will present an African Bazaar. African artifacts, clothing, books and food will be offered from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the Cafeteria. For more information call 908-753-3182.

PLAINFIELD—"Make Your Resume Work for You" will provide job-searching, job market and professional printing strategies from 10 a.m. to noon at Union County College. For more information call 709-7601.

EAST ORANGE—The Accountants for the Public Interest will be at the Main Library to fill out federal and state income tax returns from 12:30-4:30 p.m. Individuals seeking assistance should bring pertinent tax documents. For more information call 201-266-5600.

SOMERSET—Somerset County's First Time Home Buyer's Seminar will be held at the Holiday Inn, 185 Davidson Ave., from 6:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. To register call 725-1552 or 355-8879.

MONDAY, MARCH 22

EWING TOWNSHIP—"Thirty Years Making Art," a lecture and slide presentation by noted feminist artist, author and "story" quiltmaker Faith Ringgold will be presented at Trenton State College in Fortin Hall at 8:00 p.m. follow-

ing a tea in her honor at 7:00 p.m. in Holman Hall.

TUESDAY, MARCH 23

NEWARK—Radio personality Ken "Spider" Webb of Kiss-FM, will serve as chief supreme at "Chefs on Parade" at Essex County College to raise funds for the African American Heritage Month Academic Scholarship from 4:00-6:00 p.m. in the cafeteria. Ticket \$5. For more information call 201-877-3051.

CRANFORD—Union County College will conduct a financial aid workshop to acquaint the public with the New Jersey state financial aid form and various sources of available assistance at the Cranford Campus at 6:00 p.m. in the Student Center ballroom at William Paterson College. All New Jersey teachers are invited. Cost is \$30. This day will include a workshop and lunch.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24

WAYNE—"The Multicultural Imperative: Preparing Teachers for the 21st Century," a conference to incorporate multicultural education in the schools, featuring Dr. Molefi Kete Asant, will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the Student Center ballroom at William Paterson College. All New Jersey teachers are invited. Cost is \$30. This day will include a workshop and lunch.

MAHWAH—Women's History Month will present at lecture entitled "Women, Environment, Poverty, and Race" in conjunction with the Master Lecture Series: The Promise of the Earth Summit in Ramapo College's Friends Hall at 6:00 p.m. For more information call 201-929-7468.

ELIZABETH—Union County College will conduct a financial aid workshop to acquaint the public with the New Jersey state financial aid form and various sources of available assistance at the Elizabeth Campus at 6:00 p.m. For more information call 709-7089.

SUNDAY, MARCH 28

JERSEY CITY—Liberty State Park will be the site of this year's Super Cities annual festival. Activities start at 10 a.m. Register by March 21 by calling 201-664-6667.

MONDAY, MARCH 29

MILBURN—"Beyond Dieting," a seminar exploring people dealing with excess weight, compulsive eating and food addiction will be held at Milburn Public Library from 8:30-9:00 p.m. For more information call the New Jersey Department of Health at 1-800-624-2268.

SATURDAY, MAY 22

PLAINFIELD—"Police & the African-American Community" will be the focus of the first annual community seminar sponsored by the Plainfield Area Ebony Police Association at Calvary Baptist Church from 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Registration forms can be obtained by writing to Plainfield Area Ebony Police Association, P.O. Box 3158, Plainfield, N.J.

TUESDAYS, THRU MAY 25

SCOTCH PLAINS—Individuals with disabilities may enjoy open swim with the Union County Division of Parks and Recreation every Tuesday from 7:15 to 8:00 p.m. at the Scotch Plains-Farwood YMCA, 1340 Marine Avenue, free of charge. Please request assistance from either the water or the locker room should bring a chaperone. For more info call 908-527-4930.

National News at a glance

By Robert N. Taylor

Fee bargain in burning of black man: One of the three white men charged with robbing a black man, shooting him with gasoline and setting him afire was allowed to plead guilty to a lesser charge last week in exchange for testifying against the other two men. The victim, Christopher Wilson, is recovering from the New Year's Day incident. Wilson is a New York native who was visiting the Tampa area. —TAMPA, FL

Deaths in Mississippi prompt investigation call: Since 1987, 42 people have died by hanging in Mississippi jails. Authorities claim all the deaths were suicides. Yet reports, partly by the fact that more than half of the dead inmates were black, the U.S. Civil Rights Commission has called for an investigation. In the Atlanta-based Southern Christian Leadership Conference is also scheduled to begin hearings into the deaths in mid-March. Despite the official claims of suicide, Commission head Arthur Fletcher said, "There is a pattern of going to jail in Mississippi and being hanged. We need to find out what's going on." However, the government has not yet decided whether it will investigate. —JACKSON, MS

Black historical preservation organization names woman: For the first time in 42 years, a woman has been elected head of one of the nation's foremost institutions that analyze the history and progress of African Americans in this country. Dr. Janette Houston Harris, a nationally prominent historian and writer, has been elected President of the Association for the Study of Afro-American Life and History (ASAAHL), which maintains its headquarters in the District of Columbia. The Association was founded in 1915 by Dr. Carter G. Woodson. Mary McLeod Bethune, founder of the National Council of Negro Women, was the first woman to serve as president. —WASHINGTON, DC

Fannie Mae to help low income home buyers: The Federal National Mortgage Association (Fannie Mae) has launched a new equity credit program for low-income home buyers that could benefit African Americans. Beginning in late April, borrowers will be able to make a down payment of as little as \$1,000 and qualify for Fannie Mae-backed loans. The program will start in 11 cities: Washington, D.C., Philadelphia, New York, Milwaukee, Chicago, St. Louis, Dallas, Austin, Houston, Minneapolis-St. Paul and Phoenix. For more information, interested persons can call Alfred King and ask for the Acom Pilot Project, at 202-752-6136. —WASHINGTON, DC

Debt reduction guide available: A ten-page guide showing blacks how to reduce their debts and save more money has been made available from the non-profit Better Life Club of America. The guide details debt reduction techniques, a savings plan and national loan sources. The Better Life Club is a non-profit association founded to provide African Americans with information on how to improve themselves in terms of health and finances. Interested persons can receive the guide by writing the Better Life Club, P.O. Box 28-422, Washington, D.C. Include \$2.00 to cover postage and handling. —WASHINGTON, DC

Virginia's Wilder considers run for U.S. Senate: "I think it's winnable." Those were the recent words of Virginia Governor L. Douglas Wilder when discussing the possibility of running for the U.S. Senate against incumbent democrat Charles Robb. Wilder, whose term as Virginia's first black governor is about to end, said he will decide in June whether or not to enter the 1994 race against Robb. —RICHMOND, VA

Baltimore mayor may run for governor: Kurt Schmoke became Baltimore's first black mayor in 1987. Now, he is giving serious consideration to entering the race for governor of Maryland in 1994. The soft-spoken and thoughtful Schmoke acknowledged his interest earlier this year, saying, he was "going to spend a couple of months looking at the race." Political observers and poll takers are saying Schmoke will be the front-runner if he enters the race. The 43-year-old Schmoke is generally considered a success as mayor of Baltimore. He has also stepped out several controversial positions, including a call for drug use to be decriminalized and treated as a medical problem instead of a criminal one. —BALTIMORE, MD

Famed black college coach to retire: Famed black college coach Clarence "Big House" Gaines has announced that he will retire after 47 years at Winston-Salem State. Gaines, who will retire at the end of this season, has to-date compiled one of the best win-loss records — 628-440 — in college basketball. —WINSTON-SALEM, NC

African Americans: Slaves to Fashion

by William Reed

Just a few years ago, it was the height of fashion for blacks in America to march in organized protests against the system of apartheid in South Africa. Africa's finest lawyers, accountants, fraternalists and societies were stylishly front page when they headed from street corners, church pews and embassy doorsteps that South Africa's government "Free Mandela" and give "one man, one vote."

Now that the most productive time for involvement in South Africa is here, African American monitoring of the situation is out of fashion and style. Now the time to be on the cutting edge toward making the balance of 30 million blacks there worthwhile.

Nelson Mandela has been free for more than three years and recently negotiated a "power sharing" deal with white parties in the country that is less-than-fashionable to America's black groups. Instead of taking over the country solely, as was envisioned by the African-American community, Mandela has agreed to share power with the white minority's seven million whites. Instead of running whites into the sea, the presumed-majority party, the ANC, has left white civil servants, security forces and business segments in tact

over a five-year transition period. If America's blacks are assuaged by capitalist trends, instead of losing interest in South African events, we should be again organizing, this time to be players in what will be one of the world's major industrial powers. Now is the time to get in with the new style in South Africa.

It is not yet a fully developed country, but a newly industrializing one, comparable to Hong Kong, Brazil and Korea. However, in Africa term, it is a giant. It has a gross domestic product three times that of Nigeria and its 200 million blacks. Its economic power is 22 times that of neighboring Zimbabwe. In 1990, the South African economy had an estimated gross domestic product of \$100 billion — about the same as Denmark.

In terms of annual per capita income, South Africa's \$2,290 (US) ranks as an upper middle class developing country. It is in this light that its prospects toward the future should be examined by concerned, and capitalist, Africans living in America.

Throughout the anti-apartheid demonstrations of the 1980s, the down side of South Africa was emphasized. It is in its fifth year of economic recession. For the past 10 years its economic growth has averaged less than 2 percent a year, versus a population growth of 2.6 per-

cent. It has, and had, massive unemployment, inadequate housing and education and health services. It was hit by a drought and the world economic recession.

Downside be damned, African-American protesters-turned-investors should take note of the potential of this soon-to-be-black-run country. It is one of the top 25 trading nations in the world and a flourishing black market can develop in export and import.

A black-run South Africa should

be attractive to African-American capital and/or human resources. It has good business potential, is a market-based economy and has a regional market of 100 million people. It has a functioning industrial system and a good physical and financial infrastructure.

By exercising good thinking across party, and racial lines, African-American groups can collectively start business and investment linkages there. A number of groups, including the International Exchange

Network, have developed high-level contacts there that may be logical partners and "pen pals" inside that country. For access to who's who, contact the IEN at Suite 317, 6856 Eastern Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20012, 202-722-2465.

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Edwards wins endorsements of GOP elected officials and party leaders

WEST ORANGE — An overwhelming majority of GOP elected officials and party leaders in Essex County announced their support for Cary Edwards in the Republican gubernatorial primary race as the best candidate to defeat Jim Florio in the fall.

John Kenna, Essex County Republican chairman, announced the solid support of a total of more than 70 county and municipal elected officials and GOP municipal leaders who endorsed Edwards at a news conference at the Gatehouse restaurant here.

"Cary Edwards — through his programs to cut income taxes, spur the economy to create private-sector jobs, retake the offensive in the war on crime that Jim Florio now is losing, and fix a state government the Democrat administration has let come apart at the seams — has won my endorsement and that of most grassroots Republicans in

Essex County," said Renna.

Edwards told the news conference that he was "extremely pleased with the outpouring of support" in Essex. Renna noted that Edwards finished a close second in Essex County to Jim Courter in the 1989 gubernatorial primary.

"Cary Edwards is the only candidate for governor who has the ability to unite blacks and whites, urban and suburban residents, and who can beat Jim Florio," said Mary "Lady" Sheard, first vice chairman of the county Republican committee.

"Cary's personal struggle and middle class background give him a unique ability to attract Democrats and Independents and beat Jim Florio," said Renna. "Cary's a working class guy from East Paterson who can compete and win in every neighborhood in Essex County. His Republican opponent just cannot do the same."



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EDITORIAL

A tale of two schools

"This is the type of behavior, the type of respect, that is appreciated," New Jersey Boxing Commissioner Larry Hazzard said to the crowd of East Orange High School students that packed the school's gymnasium last Wednesday to see World Heavyweight Champion Riddick "Big Daddy" Bowe.

The students were understandably excited about seeing the Champ. However, they were courteous to all of the speakers, attentive to Bowe and respectful of the chaperones' instructions.

The chaperones — principal, teachers and security guards — should also be commended for keeping control and making sure that the program ran smoothly. The students were in class when Bowe arrived at the school, they were all in their seats before the champ entered the gymnasium and they remained seated until he was out of the building when the program was over.

Congratulations East Orange High School. In the words of Commissioner Hazzard, "You should all be proud of yourselves."

One other school, however, should be embarrassed. The students were not courteous, not attentive, not respectful and not controlled. They hung out the doors and windows of the building as Bowe arrived, blocked the hallway as the entrance tried to pass through, filed randomly into the auditorium, took their own sweet time taking their places at the beginning of the program, booed the principal whenever he tried to take some control and talked over the speakers, including the champ.

An official explained that the champ had other engagements and asked for audience cooperation so that time would not be wasted — NOT! The microphones were not working well so the students were asked to quiet down so that the champ could be heard — NOT! Commissioner Hazzard said that they were going to leave the audience could not control themselves and he asked the students to be respectful — NOT!

Riddick Bowe took time out of his very busy schedule to visit the schools. It is unfortunate that he was greeted with unappreciative, uninterested, uncontrollable students. East Orange High School should be commended for treating Boxing Champ Riddick Bowe with the respect that he, and anyone else who shares his or her precious time, deserves.



by Connie Woodruff

Like many good people in Newark, Cecil R. Crump will be remembered for a while as a nice, gentle man who was a neighbor and friend but the real measure of the man will never be known and it should be.

Most folks knew Cecil as a devoted member of Bethany Baptist Church who served on the Trustee Board 21 years and was board chair for 15 years.

Many will remember the kind of leadership he contributed when the congregation built the impressive complex that stands at the junction of West Market and Warren Streets. They will recall when the new edifice was completed and Crump honored for his spiritual and financial support, it was noted that as chairman of the Board of Trustees he was responsible for collecting "more than seven million dollars...with not a single penny misappropriated or mismanaged."

Mr. Crump was a quiet, introspective man devoted to his loved children, Larry and Sheri, his community activist wife, Mildred and his church.

We always knew Cecil Crump was a hard working man but few

knew the extent and importance of the work he did for 28 years as an employee in the International Division of AT&T.

And therein lies the story of the Cecil Crump, the man responsible for AT&T's relations with other international communications organizations throughout the world.

His expertise in telecommunication brought him international recognition in his field where he was the first American to be elected Chairman of the United Nations Agency for Worldwide Telecommunications Planning which services 163 countries.

I served with Cecil as a member of the Board of Directors of Public Radio Station WBCO but had no idea the man who considered Theologian Monk a musical genius was something of a genius himself. I never knew this man of few words had excellent command of seven languages or that he received a B.S. degree in Linguistics Science and Engineering from Wayne State University.

He never talked about the honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters he received from the Universidad Del Cauca, Cali, Colombia, South America or that he was a Green Belt attached to the 82nd Airborne Division.

son of the U.S. Army and had been one those heroic, tough soldiers in the 7th Special Forces where he was a Green Beret.

If he wanted to flaunt his achievements, what a story he could have told about his childhood in his native Danville, Virginia of his youthful church life at the Brucktown Baptist Church and his valedictorian address delivered to his graduation class at John M. Langston High School in Danville. From time to time he would casually mention recognition he received as an outstanding student who developed and nurtured a love of learning and languages.

He was a joiner and a builder as well as a community activist who shared his wife's interests in politics. A co-founder of the South West Little League, life member of the NAACP and the Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity, he founded the Optimist Club Newark and from 1980-91 served as Governor for the N.J. Optimist International, Inc.

Get well cards can be sent to Mrs. Cecile James at Beth Israel Hospital in Newark where she was taken after suffering a heart attack when Queenie is the matriarch of South Ward (Newark) Democratic politics and former Essex County

Democratic vice chair.

Former Freeholder Linda Lordi Cavanaugh was given a royal send-off at Cayan's in South Orange a week before the St. Patrick's Day celebrations begin in earnest.

Cavanaugh is bowing out of local politics (for the moment) to move in as executive director of the N.J. Education Facilities Authority.

With the exception of a few familiar faces the county politicians were out in full force for one of the princesses of the politically influential Lordi clan from downneck Newark.

It's not a rumor. It's for real according to former Freeholder Corinna Kaye-Williams. She will definitely be a candidate (2nd Ward) on Mayor Cardell Cooper's ticket in the primary election.

Currently Corinna is a member of the East Orange Board of Education and spouse Clinton Williams, one of the city's new Fire Commissioners.

And to think they all laughed two weeks ago when ex-mayor Bill Hart said Corinna had been short-changed when she was given an opportunity to run for the E.O. City Council.

It's time for a review of justice

Investigate the deaths of our children

Letter to the Governor

Dear Governor:

The state trooper's bullet said it plainly (to fourteen year old Dequan Bland) — "America never was America to me..." The child was in a alleged stolen car after a wild reckless chase through Newark and Bloomfield. The police hit bent on catching the black thief, killed him. Never mind public endangerment: this State Trooper became jury, judge and executioner. The sentence (bullet) was without appeal, FINAL. Dequan can never be reformed, he will never go to college: not even high school. If this child had a good grammar school, if his father had the opportunities and education afforded in our better more affluent suburban areas, if he were not black, if...

I have not, in memory known of such wanton cruel, premeditated murder; never on white youth. Always on blacks. The sin is made worse when perpetrated by Black Officers.

Governor Jim Florio, you swore to protect all citizens of this state, you must stop the murders of black males. As an executive officer, you have the power to control all the use of lethal force (the police). We demand it. The behavior of all the police is reflected by the stance of the C.E.O. A public declaration of respect for the sanctity of life must be the first priority of all law enforcement officers. All life is precious, white and black. Every one must be given an open fair trial, not gunned down. Blacks are pushed behind every new crime to these shots. It has been accepted that blacks be last hired, first fired. Please Governor, speak up loudly, stop the black killings.

It is time for a review of justice for blacks in this state.

Appoint committee of citizens, half white, half black to review the deaths of the children in Hillsdale, in Teaneck, Bloomfield, New Brunswick and other places. The committee should travel all over the state to check our schools, there must be an educational fund which produces callousness in police where it rears all right and Christians to kill black youth (in the line of duty).

There is an educational fund which produces black children who watch their peers gunned down for stealing cars and whose only way out, their only defiance of the system (poor education, fifty percent unemployment, no black entrepreneurs visible in public contracts etc. adnaum). Their only out is "donating."

Silence on the Governor's part is acquiescence of the anti-black status quo. Not to activate a "Kerner Commission" would be criminal.

Daniel L. Tindall, Jr.
East Orange, NJ

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by Sharon Khadijah Vincent

The tragic and dangerous effects of fanaticism can be seen with the tragic shooting of a doctor outside an abortion clinic, the standoff in Waco, Texas, and the bombing of the World Trade Center. Individuals taking drastic action that fatally harms innocent people, without regard to the consequences, or human life, have become morally desensitized.

There isn't any justification for the extreme actions taken in any of the above mentioned situations. Those who would seek to use their religious doctrines or beliefs to attempt to excuse what they have done, should not be given any comfort or modicum of understanding. That's the real danger of cults, and the development of a cult mentality: the brainwashing of those people involved, which leads to the acceptance and tolerance of a very few limited ideas, and the loss of the ability to use their own judgment or individual will.

When alleged gunman Michael Griffin, reportedly stated to his preacher during Sunday services prior to last Wednesday's fatal shooting of Dr. David Gunn in Pensacola, Florida, that he

wanted the congregation to pray with him, and agree that Dr. Gunn should give his life to Jesus Christ, he was obviously seeking to justify his planned actions. He supposedly told Dr. Griffin just before shooting him, "Don't kill any more babies!"

Incredibly, Griffin felt that taking the life of Dr. Gunn was a mission that God had chosen him for. The fanatics involved in the anti-abortion movement seem to hold these same views and are resorting to more and more violence with increased bombings of abortion clinics and death threats against abortion providers.

Those children held in the religious compound in Waco Texas, because their mothers or fathers are part of the cult are unwilling victims. They didn't get to choose their parents, and they have had no opportunity to freely decide whether or not they even wanted to be involved in it. As of the writing of this article, some are still under siege, and many might even already be dead.

Innocent people who just want to work the day of the bombing at the World Trade Center, and tragically lost their lives, appear to have been the victims of other religious zealots. The symbolic target was the World Trade Center, but the toll was felt by live human beings and their families. Mod-

ers, fathers, sons, daughters, cousins, friends etc. were lost. The pain and suffering that will result along with the headlines die down, and it's so longer "hot" news can not be adequately expressed in words.

Whatever the aims or goals of the perpetrators of these vile deeds, it's hard to be sympathetic to these causes, because of the methods used to attract our attention. That is why it isn't advisable for people to just associate with only those persons who think, and act like themselves. A false sense of reality is developed, along with a very narrow and limited point of view. Reasoning seems to suffer, and all objectivity appears to be lost.

Throughout history, when the line between religion and politics has been blurred, tragic consequences are felt. Individuals select those quotes and parts of scriptures which they believe support their particular views, opinions or ideas. This will undoubtedly continue, and we will witness more of these terrible events. That is why, the division between church and state needs to be upheld, and those views and ideas which are based upon the rights and beliefs of others not be allowed to guide policies and laws.

NJ Highway Authority commissioners should 'look like American' too!

Letter to the editor

Dear Editor:

One of the direct results of the social reform of the past few years at the New Jersey Highway Authority (which manages the Garden State Parkway and Garden State Arterial) has been the formation of an organization of minority employees. Very early named LEGA, it represents the potential to effect significant change within an agency for which change is at least twenty years overdue.

This process would undoubtedly move at a much faster pace if instead of one African American among the agency's eight policy-making commissioners, there were two. During its 40-year history, the Authority has had only one African-American commissioner (the undersigned), only two women (but none at present) and no Hispanics.

For me, such statistics help explain and underscore the ingrained institutional racism that governs many of the agency's administrative decisions, particularly

those affecting appointments, promotions and vendor selection. This includes the kind of blatant racism which recently:

1) dispatched State Police detectives to search the home of an African-American maintenance staff member on only the strength of a totally anonymous and thoroughly scurrilous written allegation;

2) revised the job description of an African-American financial payroll clerk (after she suffered a stroke) to include an additional requirement of being able to lift twenty pounds;

3) concocted trumped-up harassment charges against two Legas in an attempt to discredit them for daring to challenge the Authority's weak and misleading affirmative action program and report; and

4) attempted to deprive these same five employees of their basic Constitutional rights to freedom of speech. Truly hope, therefore, that readers will be willing to write to Governor Jim Florio (CN-601, Trenton 08625) immediately urging him to appoint an African-American woman to the next 5-year term which will

become vacant on the New Jersey Highway Authority in June 1993.

President Clinton has obviously succeeded in effecting the appointment of a Cabinet and top federal administration which does indeed "look like America" in terms of color, ethnicity and gender. In considering prospective appointees for the Highway Authority, Governor Florio can certainly afford to do no less.

Julian K. Robinson
Commissioner
New Jersey Highway Authority

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YOUTH/EDUCATION/SUCCESS

Robinson wins \$70,000 engineering fellowship

PARSIPPANY — Jeffrey "JR." Robinson, son of Roy and Doreen Robinson of Parsippany, has been awarded a fellowship to attend graduate school by the National Consortium of Graduate Degrees (NGEM).

NGEM announced last month that the Rutgers College of Engineering student is the recipient of a graduate school engineering fellowship package totaling over \$70,000.

The initial phase of the NGEM fellowship begins the summer of 1993. Robinson has been provided with three consecutive summer internships sponsored by Merck & Company, Inc., the world's largest pharmaceutical company. The fellowship also consists of tuition, fees and a \$6000 stipend per academic year during his graduate studies.

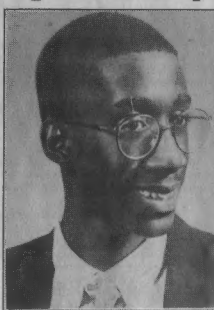
Upon receiving notification of the fellowship Robinson said that he feels very blessed and is greatly appreciative of the honor.

"My parents are very thankful also," he added. Robinson said that the fellowship is "the culmination of a lot of years of hard work."

Besides double majoring in civil engineering and city planning, Robinson is assistant program coordinator of the new Paul Robeson Cultural Center on Rutgers University's Busch campus, president of the James Dickinson Carr Society, a member of M.E.E.T. (Minority Engineering Educational Task), a member of the Rutgers University chapter of the National Society of Black Engineers (N.S.B.E.) and chairperson of the 15th annual Engineering and Science Career's Conference at Rutgers.

He has also been selected to attend the 1993 N.S.B.E. conference to be held in Houston, Texas, March 24-27. Robinson is one of six people, chosen through a national technical paper contest, who will present winning papers at the conference. His paper, entitled "Bridging the Gap Between Civil Engineers and City Planners: New Technologies Promote a Holistic Approach to Civil Engineering," will also be published in NSBE Magazine.

After graduation in May 1994, Robinson plans to use his fellowship to continue his studies in his two undergraduate majors. He has not selected the graduate school that he plans to attend, but said "M.I.T., Princeton, University of Pennsylvania, and Cornell are high on my selection list."



Jeffrey "JR." Robinson

East Side High School students demonstrate for the environment

NEWARK — The East Side High School Environmental Club, along with the Ironbound Committee Against Toxic Waste (ICATW), are organizing a demonstration — to take place at 7:30 on Saturday, March 20, at Ironbound Stadium on Rome Street — to demand that Gov. Jim Florio order the immediate clean-up and opening of Ironbound Stadium. The groups are also demanding the immediate clean-up and building of Ironbound Pool.

For more than five years Ironbound Stadium has been closed because of toxic wastes on the site. The indoor olympic-sized swimming pool has yet to be

built because of toxic wastes on that site, which were first uncovered in August 1987. The promised cleanup of the waste has not even started.

The groups say that the stadium is needed for soccer, football, baseball, and track, for City residents, East Side High School sports and special community events. The pool is also needed for East Side High School, as well as for year-round recreation for residents.

Students and neighborhood residents will be cleaning the area with brooms and shovels to show that the residents are willing to clean-up everything

that they can, if the Department of Environmental Protection and Energy (DEPE) will clean up the toxins. Demonstrations will continue regularly until the cleanup of the toxic waste begins.

The East Side High School Environmental Club also organized a cleanup of the park along the Passaic River to show that students care about the environment, especially green space in a crowded urban area. The cleanup was scheduled to begin on Saturday, March 13 at 1:30 p.m. Again, the students ask that DEPE do their part and cleanup the toxic waste.

CBNJ and the Department of Education announce a unique debate program

EAST BRUNSWICK — "Resolved: that emphasizing the ideal of cultural diversity benefits American society more than emphasizing the ideal of the melting pot." Public high school students from Hunterdon County to Cape May will be arguing this topic for the next two months as they prepare for the statewide Lincoln-Douglas debate competition, announced Chemical Bank New Jersey (CBNJ).

The event is named for the 1858 Illinois senate debates between Abraham Lincoln and Stephen Douglas, which brought the candidates' opposing views on slavery before their constituents.

At a meeting at Chemical Bank's headquarters in East Brunswick, some 200 students and coaches from more than 50 schools — including East Orange High School, Rosa Park and East Side High Schools in Paterson, Dickinson and Ferris High Schools in Jersey City, Trenton Central and Hamilton High Schools in Trenton and University and Science High Schools in Newark — listened as CBNJ president, William D. Baird, Jr. noted, "The objective of this competition is to stimulate debate activity in our schools. While Chemical strongly supports a variety of educational endeavors, this program particularly stresses the importance of critical thinking and communication skills. Business today, more than ever, needs well-educated employees who excel at problem solving and interpersonal skills."

Representing the New Jersey Department of Education, Paul Cohen, manager of the Bureau of Curriculum and Technology, told the students, "In terms of building articulation skills and teaching students to think on their feet, this competition is an excellent and worthwhile event."

Unlike the usual Lincoln-Douglas format of one-on-one, this unique competition is designed for two-member teams that providing more students with the opportunity to participate. The competition is also structured in two tiers — experienced and inexperienced. Of the 53 schools participating last year, 31 were inexperienced.

The actual debate competition, through the semi-finals is a day-long event to be held on May 13 at Rutgers

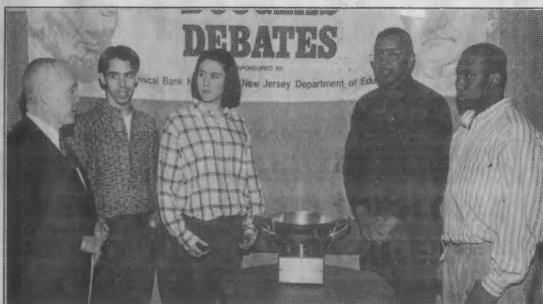
University. The finals will be held on May 26 at the New Jersey State Museum in Trenton.

The winning students will receive \$500 in cash, the silver Chem

Cup trophy, competition jackets and consideration for a summer job at the Bank. Runners up receive \$250 in addition to other awards. All participating schools and students receive

some level of monetary award.

Any school interested in participating, should call Sherri Treseder, 908-220-3134, by April 30. Any public high school may enter.



Ed McCabe (far left) of Chemical Bank New Jersey, speaks with debaters from Rosa Park High School in Paterson. Pictured (l-r) are McCabe, Ryan Jimenez, junior; Sarah Sterling, junior; Renee Ruth, coach for the team; and Kevin Shivers, junior.



Women's Sekere Ensemble

Sekere Ensemble to perform at EO Children's Theatre

EAST ORANGE — The East Orange Children's Theatre series continues with performances by the Women's Sekere Ensemble, a group of female percussionists, on Saturday, March 20, at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. at the Upsala College Little Theatre.

Created by Omonola Iyabunmi in 1988, the four member Philadelphia based ensemble performs traditional African and New World singing and drumming using beaded gourds called sekere. The music performed is derived from that found in

Africa, Brazil, Haiti, Cuba and Puerto Rico. According to Ms. Iyabunmi, the Women's Sekere Ensemble was formed to promote, enhance and preserve African culture.

For additional information call Betty Robinson at 201-266-5123 or 201-266-5142.

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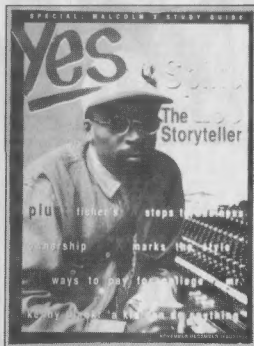
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Myrna E. Morales, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hector Morales of Newark, has been admitted to Bates College, located in Lewiston, Maine, under its Early Decision Program. Newark residents Devin Barrett, presently a student at St. Lucy Filippini Academy, and Victor Gonzalez, presently a student at Ann Street School, are among the 23 incoming freshmen at St. Peter's Preparatory School in Jersey City who have been awarded Presidential Scholarships in recognition of their outstanding academic ability and promise. John Herman, Jr. of Irvington and Eric Degner and Reginald Payne of Plainfield were among the students at the Union County Vocational-Technical Schools who were honored for achieving perfect attendance during the second marking period, November 16 to January 29.

Religious Calendar

NOW thru April 3

DUNELLEN—The Dunellen United Methodist Church is seeking artists and crafters for its 10th annual Arts and Craft Show to be held on April 3. For more information call 756-8252.

NOW until MARCH 31

NEWARK—Trinity and St. Philip's Cathedral will observe the season of Lent with a series of programs to be held every Wednesday at the cathedral. For more information call 201-622-3505.

NOW until MARCH 29

SUMMIT—The Concord singers need male voices for chorus and solo to rehearse for a spring performance at 7:30 p.m. at St. John's Lutheran Church. No auditions are necessary, except for solos. For more information call 908-273-3877.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17

PLAINFIELD—Cross of Life Lutheran Church, Pastor Mercedes W. Brown, will start its Lenten Schedule with a sermon entitled, "You Shall Have No Other Gods." The next two Wednesday sermons will focus on "You Shall Not Steal" and "And Lead Us Not Into Temptation." For more information call 908-755-6788.

FRIDAY, MARCH 19

NEWARK—The Grammy-nominated First Lady Smallwood Singers will appear in a benefit concert at New Hope Baptist Church at 7:00 p.m. Proceeds will benefit the Youth Church of New Hope. Tickets are \$15 and are on sale at the church daily.

SATURDAY, MARCH 20

PLAINFIELD—The Community Church of God, 6th and New St., will host a benefit workshop from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. To register or for more information call 908-754-6246.

SUNDAY, MARCH 21

PLAINFIELD—"Tenebrae," an ancient service of light and darkness with music and readings from the Gospels, will be celebrated at 8:00 p.m. at the Crescent Avenue Presbyterian Church.

THURSDAY, MARCH 25

NEWARK—A public forum focusing on the types of services to be provided by a Teen Service Center at St. James A.M.E. Church at 6:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, MAY 22

PLAINFIELD—"Police & the African-American Community" will be the focus of the first annual community seminar sponsored by the Plainfield Area Ebony Police Association at Calvary Baptist Church from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Registration forms can be obtained by writing to Plainfield Area Ebony Police Association, P.O. Box 3158, Plainfield, N.J.

Newark targeted by the National Immunization Campaign

NEWARK—Officials of the City of Newark's Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) have announced that Newark is one of 15 cities and towns across the U.S. to participate in Phase Two of the National Immunization Campaign, which is now underway.

The nationwide drive is organizing communities to participate in "National Pre-school Immunization Week" from April 24 to May 1, HHS officials said. A press conference will

be held Monday, April 26 at 10 a.m. in the City Hall Rotunda, to kick-off the Newark drive in support of the week-long observance. Mayor Sharpe James, First Lady of the State, Lucinda Florio, and other dignitaries are scheduled to attend, officials noted.

"Some of our children are acquiring illnesses and dying needlessly," Mayor James said. "This national campaign is a comprehensive effort to save those youngsters by giving them vaccinations at birth and re-

peating this preventive care throughout their childhood."

Robi Ruffin, HHS director, said the immunization campaign involves more than 40 national childhood advocacy, social, medical and health organizations as well as the Children's Action Network, the entertainment industry's voice for children. "The goal of the nationwide campaign," she explained, "is to link families with a regular source of health care services and to educate parents about

the importance of immunizing preschoolers."

Claude Wallace, manager of the HHS/Community Health Division and coordinator of the City's campaign, said more than 15 organizations, locally, are involved in efforts to increase family access to immunization services.

"In Newark," Wallace said, "it is estimated that as many as 60 percent of our children, under the age of two, are not fully immunized. Starting at birth, children need vaccinations and a full series of shots to protect them against nine diseases before entering school."

The national campaign officials said the U.S. Centers for Disease Control (CDC) estimates that only between 40 percent and 60 percent of

America's children, under two, have been fully immunized. The National Immunization Campaign has joined forces with the CDC, the Office of Surgeon General and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to work for changes that will "remove the barriers" families face to immunization services.

Other target cities, organizers mentioned, include Boston, Chicago, Dallas, Denver, Hartford, Houston, Huntington, Indianapolis, Knoxville, Los Angeles, Miami, Nashville, Philadelphia and Washington.

For details on Newark's immunization campaign activities, please call the hotline, 1-800-328-3858, or the Community Health Division directly at 201-733-7580.

Mentoring program to begin at Barringer High

NEWARK—A new mentoring program at Barringer High School in Newark is matching high-risk 10th graders with role models from local colleges. The goal of the program, which is sponsored by the Community Resource Board of Newark North/East, is to increase academic interest and motivation among the high school students.

The students, selected by teachers and guidance officers, will be matched with students from Montclair State College, New Jersey Institute of Technology, Bloomfield College, Essex County College and Seton Hall University.

The mentors will meet with the high school students at set times during the day, once a week. Although the major goal of the program is to improve academic mo-

tivation and performance, the sessions will also cover such topics as: personal goals and objectives; communications skills; dealing with peer pressure in the areas of substance abuse, sexuality, and school attendance; dealing with family and school pressures; cultural diversity; community resources, and making choices.

"We're very happy that the Community Resource Board came to us with this project," said Shirley Harris, vice principal at Barringer. "We need assistance from community agencies, because we can't do it alone."

For more information on the mentoring program at Barringer High School, or about the Community Resource Board of Newark North/East, call Laurie Roemmel, 201-684-4815.

Laid off? Health insurance coverage may still be available

TRENTON—In these difficult economic times, more and more workers are losing their jobs. They should understand, however, that loss of employment does not have to mean loss of health insurance coverage, according to Robin Simko, CIC, AAI, president of Professional Insurance Agents of New Jersey Inc. (PIANI).

According to Simko, if an employer has 20 or more employees,

workers who lose their jobs have the right to continue health insurance coverage at their own expense for 18 months under the federal COBRA law. In certain cases, dependents may continue coverage for up to 36 months. This law applies if health insurance coverage is lost because of a reduction in work hours or employment termination. The exception to this is if the employee is terminated

for gross misconduct.

Simko also pointed out that under the COBRA law, an employee who has a disability at the time employment is terminated is eligible to continue group health insurance coverage through the employer for up to 29 months.

For more information, consumers should contact their health insurance provider.

Voter registration deadline nears for school elections

TRENTON—New Jerseyans who are not currently registered to vote in their municipalities must do so by Monday, March 22 to participate in the state's Annual School Election, the president of the New Jersey School Boards Association announced recently.

"Approximately 550 of the state's 557 local school districts will conduct elections on Tuesday, April 20," explained Carolyn R.S. Smith, NSBA president. "Citizens in those communities will have the opportunity to select members of their local boards of education and to approve or reject proposed school budgets for 1993-94."

More than 1,500 board of education positions will be up for election statewide.

To participate in the election, citizens must be registered to vote in their municipalities," he added.

New Jersey residents can register to vote at the office of their municipal clerk or office of their county clerk. Voters must be 18 years old, citizen of the United States and maintaining main residence within the municipality in which they are seeking to vote.

Smith also reminded voters who are planning to be out of town on the April 20 school election day that Tuesday, April 13 is the last day that county clerks can receive applications by mail for absentee ballots. Information on absentee ballots and applications are available from the Office of the County Clerk.

The Richard Smallwood Singers to perform in benefit concert for youth

NEWARK — The Grammy-nominated Richard Smallwood Singers will appear in a benefit concert at New Hope Baptist Church, 106 Sussex Ave., on Friday, March 19, at 7 p.m.

The Smallwood's latest album, "Testimony," on Sparrow Records, is a fine-tuned fusion of classical elements and today's contemporary gospel sounds, produced by Richard Smallwood.

Tickets for the concert, which will also feature the New Hope Youth Inspiration Choir and Reverends, are \$15 and are on sale at the church daily, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Proceeds from this event will benefit the Youth Church of New Hope, where the Rev. Dr. Charles E. Thomas is pastor, and Cissy Houston is the minister of music.

Free AIDS Testing Offered in New Brunswick

NEWARK—Central New Jersey residents who think they may have been exposed to the Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV), the virus that causes AIDS, can get a free blood test.

The staff of UMDNJ-Robert Wood Johnson Medical School offer counseling and testing services by appointment only. To make an appointment call 908-418-8114 weekdays between 1:30 and 3 p.m. The testing can be done on a confidential or anonymous basis.

The test and counseling are free and are offered in the Ambulatory Care Building of Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital in New Brunswick. The hospital is a core teaching affiliate of the medical school.

4-H Youth Development Program seeks...

...alumni

EAST ORANGE—The 4-H Youth Development Program of Essex County is seeking adults who were 4-H members as children for a reunion. 1993 is the 75th anniversary of 4-H in Essex County, and a reunion is being planned for November. Both former 4-H members who were active in Essex County and those from other counties or states are invited to contact Mary Lou Mayfield, 4-H Program Associate, by calling 201-678-7807 between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. weekdays, or by writing to 4-H Youth Development Program, Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Essex County, 15 South Munn Avenue, East Orange, NJ 07018.

...volunteer to draw for youth

WESTFIELD—Rutgers Cooperative Extension 4-H Youth Development program, a non-profit organization, seeks a volunteer who enjoys drawing or generating graphics via computer to illustrate its 4-H newsletters. The hours are flexible, and you may work from home. Your drawings will help youth develop into productive, contributing citizens.

For details, call James Nicholasowicz, County 4-H Agent at 908-654-9854 or write to Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Union County, 300 North Avenue-East, Westfield, New Jersey 07090.

Area Chapter has ever conducted. Government and foundation money is drying up and cutting into the Chapter's ability to serve the public as it has been able to do in the past. Please help the Plainfield Area Chapter help Red Cross to continue to help people in need by sending a check to the Plainfield Area Chapter American Red Cross, 332 West Front Street, Plainfield, New Jersey 07060. To receive any of our services, either call us at 908-756-6414 or stop in.

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THRU MARCH
NEWARK—A traveling photographic exhibit, "The Afro-American Presence in Medicine, 1850-1950," will open at the UNMC-George F. Smith Library of the Health Sciences, 129 Avenue. The library is open 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily.

THRU MARCH 28
NEW YORK—The Dance Theatre of Harlem will perform for two days in the weeks at Lincoln Center in New York. For ticket information call 212-870-5570.

THRU MARCH 31
EDISON—A collection of prints, photographs, and sculpture entitled "Baudouin, Bodies, And All That Jazz" will be on display at the Twin Tower-Metro Park. For more information call 908-254-7911.

THRU APRIL 8
EAST HANOVER—"Maximum Impact," an exhibit of large-scale art work by over 40 members of Saluto to Women in the Arts, will be on display at the Nabisco Gallery. It is free to the public and open from noon to 4 p.m.

THRU APRIL 18
MONTCLAIR—"Bearden, Lawrence, and Woodruff," on view at The Montclair Art Museum thru April 18, is an intimate look at three African-American artists, among the best-known of the older generation and such a pioneer of developments in American art.

THRU JUNE 27
TRENTON—Sixty-two works by the Georgia-born African-American artist Benny Andrews will be on view at the New Jersey State Museum. "The America Series," represents various aspects of American life through the eyes of an over-observant storyteller. For more information call 609-292-6464.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17-21
NEW YORK CITY—The sophisticated, soulful, sexy voice of Phyllis Hyman will perform at the Blue Note, 131 W. 2nd St. for two shows at 8:00 p.m. and 11:30 p.m. For more information call 212-475-0049.

THURSDAY, MARCH 18
NEWARK—Kumar & Melamid will appear at The Newark Museum at 6:00 p.m. in the Billy Johnson Auditorium followed by reception at Engelhard Court. R.S.V.P. 201-596-6550.



Shirley Caesar

Gospel great Shirley Caesar at Newark Symphony Hall

NEWARK—Representing the gospel world in the Carter G. Woodson Foundation's annual "OnStage In New Jersey" performance series is Evangelist Shirley Caesar, at Newark Symphony Hall on Saturday, March 20 at 8 p.m. Also appearing will be New Jersey gospel artist Donald Malloy and the Newark Housing Authority's Voices of Mass Hope Choir.

One of the great singers of our

time, Shirley Caesar can twist, compress and enhance a lyric a dozen ways without abandoning her central message of affirmation. Her put level power and relentless vocal invention have been compared to Aretha Franklin and Mavis Staples, both of whom reached wider audiences after crossing the secular bridge.

Donald Malloy, a resident of Irvington, recorded with the great-

est names in gospel and sacred music. Malloy's latest solo project is "Everything Will Be Alright," released on CCI Records.

The theme for the 1993 OnStage In New Jersey series is "Praise and Celebration." Consisting of nine different music, dance and theater events in 12 statewide locations and running through June 6, the OnStage series brings nationally recognized and local African-American artists to New Jersey each year. The gospel program is a co-presentation with Newark Symphony Hall.

Tickets to Shirley Caesar and Donald Malloy are \$15 and can be purchased at the Newark Symphony



Donald Malloy

Hall box office or by calling 201-242-3110. Group discounts and dinner/theater packages are available for this and other OnStage events.

Wynton Marsalis hosts third 'Jazz for Young People'

NEW YORK—Lincoln Center will present the third in the series of four "Jazz for Young People" concerts, hosted by Wynton Marsalis, on Saturday, March 27, at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. at Alice Tully Hall.

The subject of the March 27 "Jazz for Young People" program is "What is a Big Band?" In it, Wynton Marsalis, Artistic Director of "Jazz at Lincoln Center," brings not only his formidable performing talents, but his formidable teaching talents to discussing the evolution of the jazz big band, its instrumentation, voicings, and the impact it has had on the development of jazz.

Marsalis, who will be joined by his septet, has a gift for breaking down complex musical elements so that they are easily understood by jazz novices. Marsalis makes his musical points through a combination of discussion, musical demonstration, audience participation, and surprise teaching aids that have included a basketball, a toothbrush, and familiar songs such as "Happy Birthday."

The series, just one of the educa-



Wynton Marsalis and friends.

Photo by Stephanie Berger

tional programs of "Jazz at Lincoln Center," America's premier producer of jazz events, is designed to introduce children and their families to America's indigenous art form in an entertaining and ap-

proachable way. Tickets, priced at \$10 for adults and \$7 for children under 18, are available at Alice Tully Hall or by calling CenterCharge 212-721-6500.

First anniversary of 'Brides Today'

NORTHBROOK, Ill.—"Brides Today" is celebrating its first anniversary in the exciting world of bridal magazine publishing.

The magazine, which is targeted to African-Americans, made such a splash with consumers and the industry in its first year that it is increasing from a quarterly to a bi-monthly publication!

Also, Editor Debi Lewis Keams assumes the position of Managing Editor. The magazine has added staff experts in a variety of fields, from Black Psychology to Interior Decorating.

The Anniversary will share center stage in the March/April issue with African-American History Month, as "Brides Today" features a tribute to black marriages and weddings of the past and present. In addition to a pictorial of the history of black weddings, a celebrity article on NAACP Executive Director, Benjamin Hooks and his wife, Frances, will be included.



"Bride's Today's" stunning fashion focus will feature African influenced wedding fashions complete with headpieces. Lovely, traditional designs by leading manufacturers and a special designer focus will also be highlighted! "Brides Today" continues to respond to the needs of the African-American market in regard to personalized, ethnic weddings and bridal products.

'I, Too, Sing America' provides a clear focus on African-American history

NEW YORK—Marcus Garvey once said that "a people without a knowledge of their past history, origin

and culture is like a tree without roots." With 1,500 entries, more than 300 photographs and over 60 works by prominent African-American artists, "I, Too, Sing America: The African-American Book of Days" is a unique compendium of African-American history and culture that chronicles and celebrates 500 years of achievement.

When authors Paula Woods and Felix Liddell began researching "I, Too, Sing America," they discovered that traditional reference sources contained little if any information on many of the prominent African-American achievers on which they were writing.

They pieced together information from African-American source books - like "The Negro Almanac" and "The Dictionary of American Negro Biography," both of which provided historical data, and the "Who's Who Among Black Americans," which profiles contemporary individuals - and reviewing both African-American calendars dating back to the 1920s and original papers of poets and politicians.

Combining landmark events in the arts, science, politics, sports, medicine, business, education and entertainment with profiles of individuals who excelled in those fields, "I, Too, Sing America" features well-known African-Americans as well as the little-known names of some of America's highest achievers.

Laced with a stunning collection of vibrantly reproduced African-American art, "I, Too, Sing America" showcases the works of artists who struggled

against racism and personal adversity to make their mark on the art world. Featured are modern masters such as Romare Bearden and Claude Clark, Sr., as well as Impressionist Henry Ossawa Tanner, who left the racism of America to paint in France; and Horace Pippin, who, despite his crippled right hand painted art prized by collectors and museums around the world.

A wealth of information and a compendium of art, "I, Too, Sing America" is a jubilant celebration of African-American achievement to savor and share year-round, and for many years to come.

Married couple, Ms. Woods and Mr. Liddell live and work together in Los Angeles. They describe "I, Too, Sing America" as "a dream that was five years in the making - an African-American book of days that we hope conveys the excitement, the pride, the irony of the days in our lives."



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Senator Bill Bradley warns younger voters about the nation's budget deficit

Business Calendar

SATURDAYS, MARCH THRU MAY

JERSEY CITY—Jersey City State College will offer a series of non-credit I.D.M. and Macintosh computer courses for those who wish to acquire or enhance their computer skills through the Saturday Semester Program beginning on March 13. Classes that begin in March include: Introduction to the PC & the DOS Operating System (PC), Intro to Word Perfect Word Perfect (PC), Intro to the Macintosh Microcomputer (MAC), Intro to Microsoft Word (MAC), and Desktop Publishing on the Macintosh. Page number 4 (D.MAC). For further information call 201-200-3089.

THURSDAY, MARCH 18

TRENTON—Mercer County Community College's Small Business Development Center will hold a workshop entitled "For Employees Only: Excelling in Customer Service," designed to assist the business owner by teaching employees how to improve their customer service. Pre-registration is requested, call 609-586-9445 for information.

SATURDAY, MARCH 20

PHILADELPHIA, PA—A free seminar entitled "All About Franchising" will be held in Philadelphia at the Adams Hotel from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. The three-hour program, initiated by the Philadelphia Minority Business Development Center, is designed for minority entrepreneurs interested in learning about the options available in franchising.

CRANFORD—Union County College will host a Workforce Development Partnership Program workshop for area small businesses from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. in the Roy W. Smith Theater, Campus Center, Cranford campus. For more information call 708-7603.

THURSDAY, MARCH 25

TRENTON—Mercer County Community College's Small Business Development Center will hold a workshop entitled "Thinking About Going into Business Pre-Business Workshop," covering planning factors such as establishing a legal structure, accounting and bookkeeping strategies, insurance considerations, business planning, financing, and marketing. Pre-registration is requested, call 609-586-9445 for information.

TEANECK—Minority and women business owners, as well as potential entrepreneurs, are invited to a free seminar on how to bid for contracts in Teaneck. The program will be held at Teaneck Public Library from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. To register call 201-837-4812.

WASHINGTON, D.C.—"Lead or Leave" a youth lobbying organization organized a town meeting in the nation's capital last week to raise public awareness over the country's mounting federal budget deficit problems.

The group invited New Jersey's ranking Senator, Bill Bradley (D) who chairs the Subcommittee on Debt,

Deficits and Long-term Economic Growth, to discuss the issues.

Bradley told the young audience, "I am nearly fifty years old and when I was 20, as most of you are here tonight, the prospects for our future were a world of difference from yours today. It is outrageous to me that your future has been jeopardized by excess and the inability to

make tough choices."

The two-term senator who is also a senior member of the Senate Finance Committee also added a gloomy prediction, noting, "We have endangered what we've become to think as a American birthright, that your children would have a better standard living than you do. Bradley referred to a report from the

General Accounting Office to underscore his point. The 1992 report warned that absent significant deficit reduction, per capita incomes will be 40% lower by the year 2020.

Pitching his message, the senator illustrated the magnitude of the problem in consumer terms. "It's as though you owed \$10,000 on your credit card in 1980, and now you owe \$30,000. Per capita, for every man, woman and child the cost of the federal debt today is \$13,710. When I first came to the Senate in 1978, that figure was less than \$4000."

According to the Congressional Budget Office (CBO), in 1993 the federal budget deficit will amount to \$310 billion. In 1990, the deficit absorbed 58% of the private savings of all businesses and individuals in

the U.S.

"As far as I'm concerned, the time for passing the buck is over," Bradley said.

Joining Bradley as panelists were Senator Trent Lott (R-MS) and Alice Rivlin, the Deputy Director of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). The discussion was divided into three general areas including a description of the deficit and the debt, the factors that contributed to the growth of the deficit, and potential approaches to controlling the deficit.

Lead or Leave was founded in 1989 by Jon Cowan and Rob Nelson, both in their 20's, who decided to commit their efforts to educating young people about the federal budget deficit and its impact on future economic viability.

Salley ranks influential African-Americans

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marked the crossing of the Rubicon in the African-American quest for equality in America.

And so from King to Frederick Douglass (C), with the passing of the torch, Salley immediately lets the reader know why Douglass is assigned a second chair position. Douglass is defined as an "advocate," King a minister. "Dr. King's ranking over Douglass is warranted because of his direct link as a preacher to an institution that affected the majority of Black lives in America: the Black Church," Salley rationalizes.

The list continues as Douglass begets Booker T. Washington (3), who begets WEB DuBois (4) and so on. Turning the pages, the reader meets Paul Robeson (24), Fannie Lou Hamer (75) and Lorraine Hansberry (77) and as the book winds down the names people see in technicolor on an almost nightly basis: Bill Cosby (62), Ron Brown (97) and General Colin Powell (95).

A glimpse at who Columbus Salley is, offers clues as to his insistence on digging out history's figures who nobly or foolishly, clamored for the "Great Justice" America continually advertised. Young Salley wasn't born with a silver spoon protruding from his lips and says he struggled for everything he has. He was raised in government housing, the Cabrini Green projects in Chicago. As a teen, he left the projects and got in and out

of college with a degree. After a stint teaching, he won a prestigious Ford Fellowship to study for a doctorate at the University of Pennsylvania (Class of '73). With a political appointment from then President Carter, Salley traveled to Washington DC and worked until 1980 as the Deputy Policy Director for the Department of Education. From politics he turned to administration, leading the City of Newark's schools as the Superintendent from 1981 until 1985. And since the mid-eighties he has eschewed being an employee and sits as CEO of his own company, the Ivory Group Inc., which owns seven Wendy's scattered in Northern New Jersey and New York.

Salley is no stranger to success. His career has evolved through America's most esteemed corridors: an Ivy League education, a high ranking political appointment, running one of the nation's largest school districts and now leading his own million-dollar business. Credentials, power, the prestige of certain office or the rank of attainment, none of this has been lost on Salley.

The consequences of that can be eye-opening. Rosa Parks (100) the petite woman who refused to give up her seat that December day in 1955 sits behind none other than Clarence Thomas (98). Salley makes much of the significance and reverberations of Park's act but he sets it aside from the controversial Justice Parks move was historical but even

she says not calculated. Judge Thomas however was championing at the bit to grab his piece of the American pie and what a slice he cut.

The Judge's politics notwithstanding, Clarence Thomas is the 100th justice—ever—and the second Black. For Salley this means something, something big, this is not Traffic Court, it is the Supreme Court. He writes, "Regardless of what one thinks of Thomas' views and tactics as a so-called black conservative, the fact remains is that he sits on the United States Supreme Court.... he will play a dominant role, possibly for as long as the next forty years, in interpreting laws and the Constitution on crucial matters that affects all Americans."

Salley's technique, hammering home at a people's quest for rights—their passion and willingness to play and win at the shell game of America's promises—will instill faith that the Black community throughout time has always fought. Even just thumbing through the vignettes will reinvigorate the reader's soul. Salley lists critics that one of his goals was to show people that just wearing brightly colored "kente" cloths and "X" baseball caps were not ends in and of themselves. And through the vignettes as a man is seen as more than a holiday or a face on a postage stamp and a woman not just writer but prophet for her people's embattled viewpoint, many readers will agree Salley was successful.

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Sportlight

by R. L. Greene

NEW YORK - Spring is nature's way of starting over again, a chance to make it perfect this time.

It's baseball's time of redemption, a time when every team is a winner, every player a Hall of Famer. Then they begin playing games and the bubbles burst, gone even more quickly than the crocuses that herald the end of winter and the beginning of spring.

This year is no different as the teams cavort on the playing fields of Florida and Arizona, engaging in the annual rite of spring that makes, what Roy Campanella called, "little boys of men." Yet this year is a new dawning, more than any before.

There are two new major league teams — the Marlins in Miami and the Colorado Rockies in Denver. Never before have there been so many major league teams chasing the World Series titles. The addition of the two new National League clubs brings the membership in the exclusive club to 28 — 14 in each circuit.

This year the reigning world champions are the Toronto Blue Jays, the first team outside the United States to win the World Series and the first champion to be managed by a black, Cito Gaston.

And this year there are more Black and Hispanic managers than ever before. Whether you want to credit that to the furor surrounding Marge Schott's racial slurs or Jesse Jackson's Rainbow Coalition or just fate, that's up to you.

Count 'em. There's Gaston in Toronto, Hal McRae of the Kansas City Royals, Felipe Alou of the Montreal Expos, Dusty Baker of the San Francisco Giants, Don Baylor at Colorado and Tony Perez of the Cincinnati Reds. We're talking major change here.

Let's face it: five minority managers at the same time and none of them are Frank Robinson. Wow!

When Gaston was named Toronto manager in 1989, he was just the fourth person with a Black face to be named to one of the top-10 field spots in baseball. Like fourth all-time. Like after only Robinson, Larry Doby and Maury Wills. And, truth be told, neither Doby nor Wills lasted long enough in the major leagues to let their coffee get cold.

At the World Series last fall, two former Atlanta Braves teammates stood behind the batting cage chatting. Nothing unusual until you realized that one, Gaston, is a manager and the other, Hank Aaron, is a club executive with the Braves. This was 45 years after Jackie Robinson broke baseball's "color line" and 28 years after Gaston, then a 20-year-old outfielder, was forced to stay in segregated housing during the team's Florida spring training.

While the off-season hiring of Baylor as the first manager in Rockies history, Baker and Perez drew headlines, there have been and continue to be other moves by blacks and minorities into higher positions in baseball's front office. Reggie Jackson reportedly will be named a vice president of the New York Yankees, maybe even by the time you read this, a position that possibly only Reggie could handle, given the fact that the principal owner of the Yankees, George Steinbrenner, has returned from a suspension of more than two years.

The Cincinnati Reds, admitted under duress, have promoted blacks into the front office from their minor league system. He, for the present, won't have to deal with Scott, the Reds owner, who is currently on suspension for his disturbing use of racial terminology when referring to blacks, Jews and Asians.

And unlike years gone by, almost all 11 major league teams have blacks on their coaching staff nowadays, from hitting instructors to first base coaches. It's not a perfect world, but it is spring. And, like every spring before this one, at least the chance to improve on last year's performance is in front of us, a brass ring that we can grasp.

There are no "wait 'til next year" moans. This is next year.

The ball is hitting the sweet part of the bat. The curves are breaking as if they are falling off the edge of a table. The screwballs are doing just that. The line drives are falling in-between the outfielders.

The newly moved grass is such a pleasant change from the biting winds and snow-covered streets that blanket the northern realms of this land.

Ah, yes, spring and baseball. As Willie Stargell once said: "Nobody ever said, 'work ball!' They say, 'Play ball!' To me, that means having fun." Play ball!

Riddick Bowe visits Essex County school

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"As I want to," he continued. "Mike Tyson is one of the best... but unfortunately, he can't whoop me. He can't win."

The students also wanted to know about Bowe's plans for Lennox Lewis. "I would love to fight Lennox Lewis. It's unfortunate that he's hiding behind the WBC," Bowe said. "It's been a long time since Britain has held a title. Lennox couldn't whip me, no one else around Lennox can whoop me, so they had to come here and take a title."

He continued, "Lennox knows he can't beat me, so I suggest he hold on to that little title he has as long as he



Scholarship program announced

U.S. Rep. Donald M. Payne (D-10th C.D.) recently joined with executives of the Lincoln Technical Institute in announcing the formation of a Congressional Scholarship Program. The New Jersey-based national training school has designated the program's first scholarship award in honor of Congressman Payne. Joining Payne (c) for the announcement were Lincoln Tech executives Lawrence E. Brown, vice-president (l) and P.J. Santangelo, president and CEO.

can, 'cause when he fights me, I'm gonna knock him out."

Bowe said that Lennox Lewis "doesn't really want to fight" him. He said that Lewis continues to make excuses about not being offered enough money. If he really wanted to fight, Bowe said, the money wouldn't matter.

"It's all up to Lennox," Bowe concluded on that subject.

According to Commissioner Hazzard, Bowe "transcends beyond the boxing arena."

"He's a human being who cares for young people and he's a human being who cares for humanity," Hazzard said.

The mayors of the three cities agree with Hazzard. They were very pleased

that Bowe took time out of his busy schedule to visit the students.

"We're honored that he came here as heavyweight champion of the world, but we're also honored that he came here as a great humanitarian... and a positive role model for our kids," said East Orange Mayor Cardell Cooper.

Mayor Michael Steele of Irvington was very pleased with Bowe's message and the example that he is setting by continuing his education. "If four young people see other people, who have had the same problems that they have, become successful, they see that they too can make it," he said.

"Riddick Bowe represents a positive choice, a way for our youngsters to climb out of any situation and accomplish positive things in their own lives," Newark Mayor Sharpe James said. "Riddick elevates our young people.

He lets them know that they can have hope and opportunities, and shows them how to give something back to their community, country and world."

Bowe feels that he has been blessed throughout his life, and both his trip to Somalia and his stay in school camp are his way of "giving something back."

Because of his own childhood in Brooklyn, he understands that young people need positive encouragement and role models. Bowe hopes to continue his efforts and to play a role in bringing people across America, and around the world, together.

"As heavyweight champion of the world, I will actively participate in a campaign to make this world a better place for people of every color to live in," said Bowe. "I will make a difference. You can count on that."

EO Conference highlights housing opportunities

EAST ORANGE — "East Orange and Housing II: A Giant Step Into the Future" is the theme of the 1993 Housing Conference sponsored by the City of East Orange.

The conference is open to current and potential homeowners, investors and lending institutions and the general public. It will include workshops, plenary sessions, exhibits and guest speakers.

The conference will bring together state agencies, county agencies, commu-

nity agencies and city agencies. Major lending agencies will also be on hand to provide information on financing.

Commissioner Stephanie Bush of the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs will be the keynote speaker at this year's conference, which will be held on the campus of Upsale College on Friday and Saturday, March 19 and 20.

Advance registration is encouraged and may be done by calling 201-266-5411. The registration fee is \$5.

'First Time Home Buyers' seminar

WESTFIELD — The Scotch Plains office of First Nationwide Bank will be conducting a First Time Home Buyer's seminar on March 23, at 6:30 p.m. at the American Legion Hall 1003 North Avenue, Westfield.

The seminar will include an in-depth discussion of the mortgage process, from how to find a home to how a closing is conducted. Highlights of the seminar will include guest speakers from the housing, legal and engineering professions as well as mortgage programs available, some with as little

as 5% down.

The seminar is free to the public and is an educational service provided by First Nationwide Bank. The seminar will be geared to both first time home buyers, as well as individuals with low to moderate incomes. All participants will receive a certificate of completion, which is a requirement of many government and private sponsored mortgage programs.

For more information, or to reserve a seat, please contact Mike Rogala at 908-322-8882.

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